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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

- Applicants enclose an Amendment/Reply to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2009.
- All required fees were charged to Novozymes North America, Inc.'s Deposit Account No.
   50-1701 at the time of electronic filing. The USPTO is authorized to charge this Deposit Account should any additional fees be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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